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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - PRESIDENT'S JUNE 4 SPEECH IN CAIRO, SAO PAULO

"The speech and the practice"

Article in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (6-10) by Jihad Hassan Hammade, president of the National Union of Islamic Entities and vice-president of Wamy LatinAmerica, states: "....Barack Obama's speech.... generated euphoria in the Middle East, but with a certain dose of distrust.....nonetheless, speeches like this need, above all, concrete actions as the Islamic world doesn't believe in promises that are not accompanied by attitudes that confirm them....Today, the Islamic community in Brazil [which he says is composed by around 1.5 million people], is optimistic with [Obama's] speech and expects that the promises made are true ones.....The 'islamophobia' must be eliminated from the society and from the media.....Brazil is seen with good eyes by Islamic and Arab countries, because internally there is a pluralist society and a reasonable mutual respect as regards to religious diversity."

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